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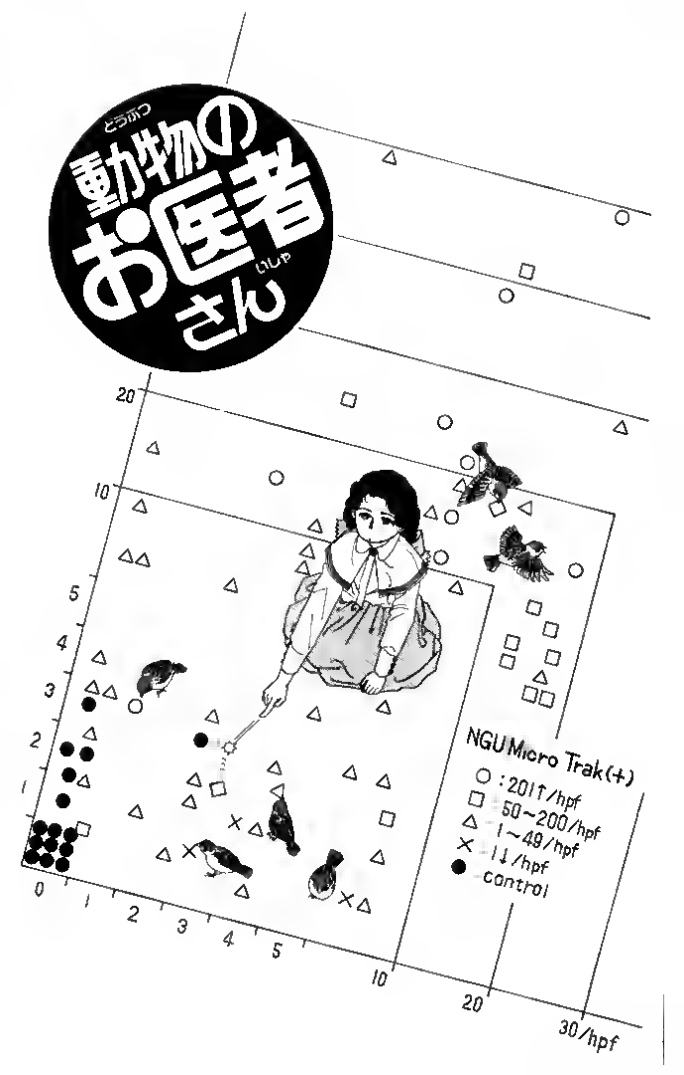
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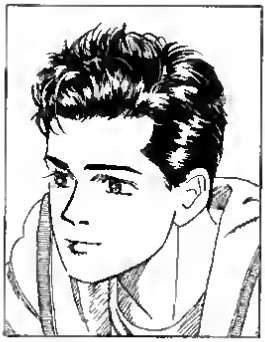
SUMMARY AND CHARACTER INTRODUCTION



HAMUTERU
(real name: Nishine Masaki)
Aspiring to become a veterinarian, drawn by a strange fate.

CHOBI
A Siberian husky with a cute smile. Is a girl.

HIYO
(Pronounced hee-yoh.)
The strongest creature in the Nishine household.

HAMUTERU'S GRANDMA
A stubborn, easygoing woman.

PROFESSOR SUGAWARA
An ever impeccable teacher

Mr. Veterinarian

With a couple of gerbils joining Mike the cat, Hiyo the rooster, and Chobi the dog, the Nishine household is a big brouhaha. Thanks to the undesirable but immutable (?) influence of Professor Urushihara Masaki entered the veterinary school H-University. He spends his days busy with classes, papers, and workshops, alongside his buddy Nikaidou Hishinuma-san, the weird senpai who makes friends with bacteria, and many friends and animals.

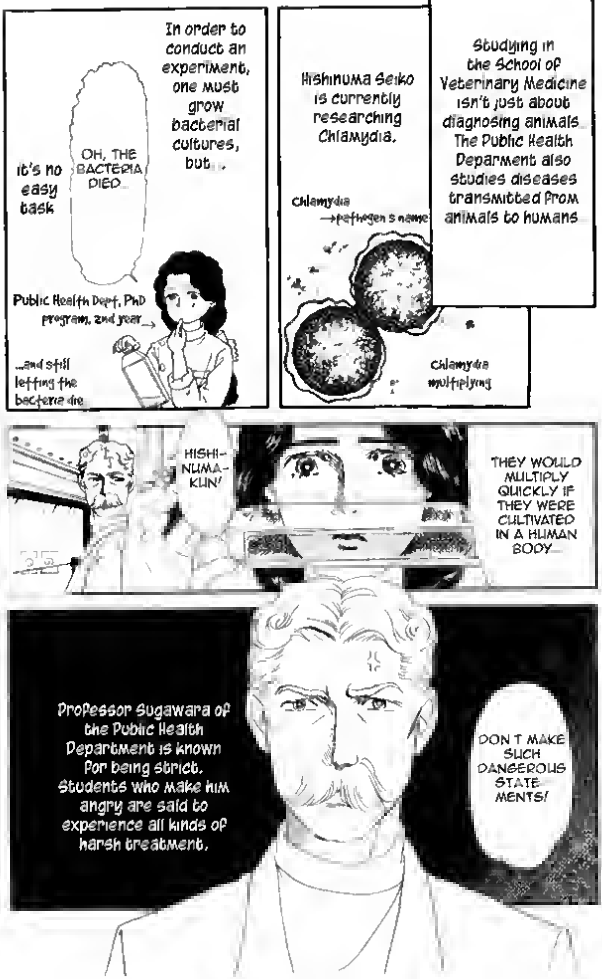
NIKAIDOU
Hamuteru's friend and a veterinarian in the making. Mice scare the life out of him.

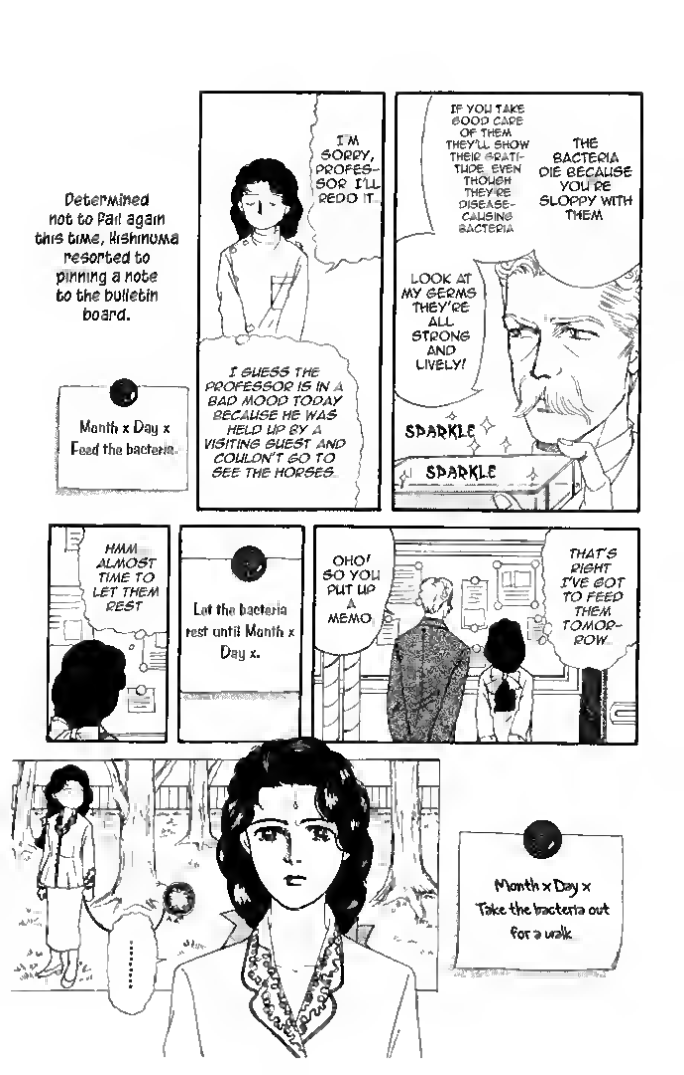
HISHINUMA SEIKO
A strange grad student

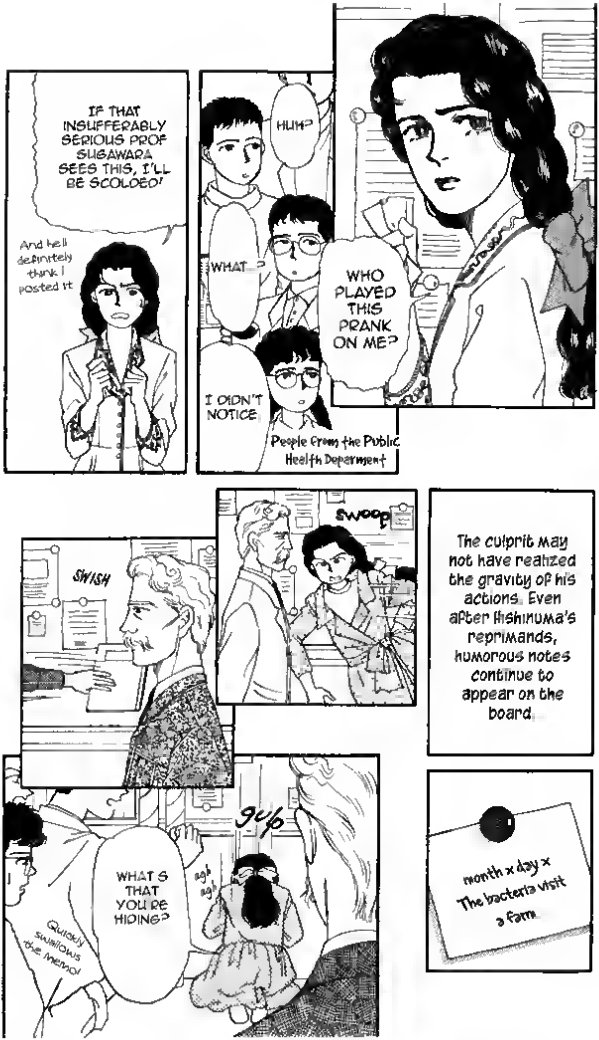
GERBIL
Always looks happy.

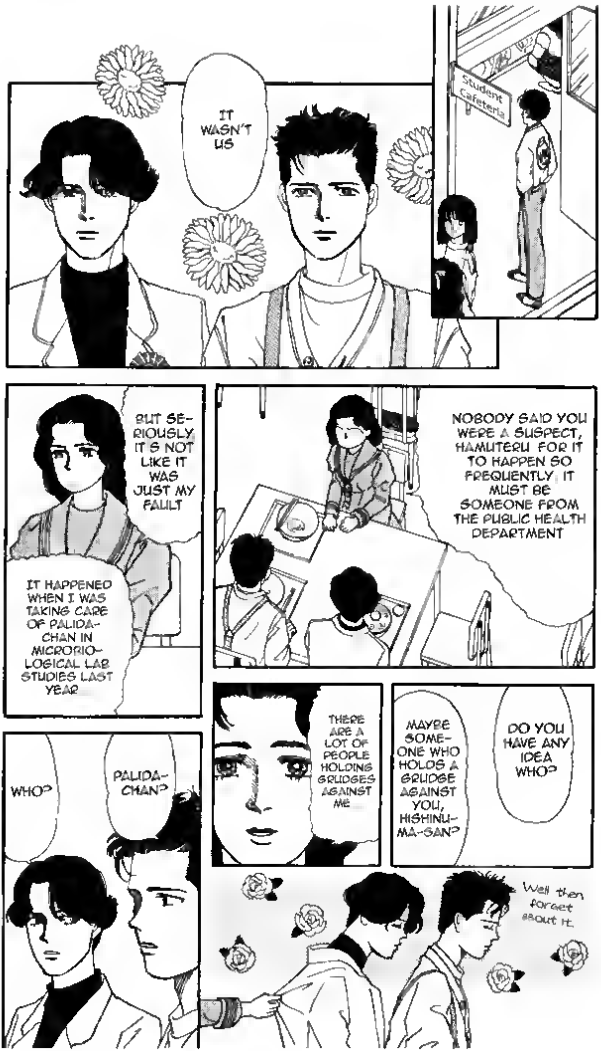
PROFESSOR URUSHIHARA
Hamuteru's "benefactor". Loves Africa.

MIKE
(Pronounced Mee-keh)
Grandma's cat. Talks in Kansai dialect. For some reason.


Studying in the School of Veterinary Medicine isn't just about diagnosing animals. The Public Health Deparment also studies diseases transmitted from animals to humans.
Hishinuma Seiko is currently researching Chlamydia.
Chlamydia →pathogen's name
Chlamydia multiplying
In order to conduct an experiment, one must grow bacterial cultures, but...
it's no easy task
OH, THE BACTERIA DIED...
Public Health Dept, PhD program, 2nd year...
...and still letting the bacteria die
HISHI-NUMA-KUN!
THEY WOULD MULTIPLY QUICKLY IF THEY WERE CULTIVATED IN A HUMAN BODY...
Professor Sugawara of the Public Health Department is known for being strict. Students who make him angry are said to experience all kinds of harsh treatment.
DON'T MAKE SUCH DANGEROUS STATEMENTS!

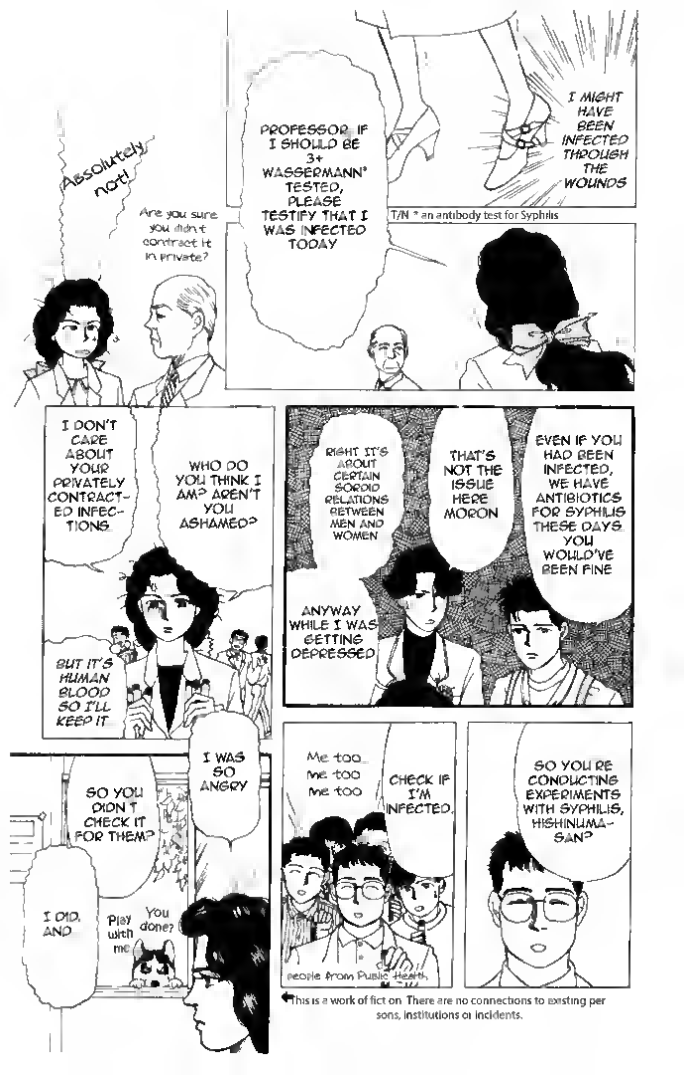

Determined not to fail again this time, Kishimoma resorted to pinning a note to the bulletin board.
I'M SORRY, PROFESSOR I'LL REDO IT
I GUESS THE PROFESSOR IS IN A BAD MOOD TODAY BECAUSE HE WAS HELD UP BY A VISITING GUEST AND COULDN'T GO TO SEE THE HORSES
Month x Day x Feed the bacteria.
IF YOU TAKE GOOD CARE OF THEM THEY'LL SHOW THEIR GRATITUDE EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE DISEASE-CAUSING BACTERIA
THE BACTERIA DIE BECAUSE YOU'RE SLOPPY WITH THEM
LOOK AT MY GERMS THEY'RE ALL STRONG AND LIVELY!
SPARKLE
SPARKLE
HMM ALMOST TIME TO LET THEM REST
Let the bacteria rest until Month x Day x.
OHO! SO YOU PUT UP A MEMO
THAT'S RIGHT I'VE GOT TO FEED THEM TOMORROW
Month x Day x Take the bacteria out for a walk


IF THAT INSUFFERABLY SERIOUS PROF SUGAWARA SEES THIS, I'LL BE SCOLDED!
And he'll definitely think I posted it
HUH?
WHAT...?
WHO PLAYED THIS PRANK ON ME?
I DIDN'T NOTICE
People from the Public Health Department
SWOOP
SWISH
The culprit may not have realized the gravity of his actions. Even after Ishimuma's reprimands, humorous notes continue to appear on the board.
GULP
WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE HIDING?
Quickly swallows the memo!
month x day x The bacteria visit a farm


IT WASN'T US
Student cafeteria
BUT SERIOUSLY, IT'S NOT LIKE IT WAS JUST MY FAULT
IT HAPPENED WHEN I WAS TAKING CARE OF PALIDA-CHAN IN MICROBIOLOGICAL LAB STUDIES LAST YEAR
NOBODY SAID YOU WERE A SUSPECT, HAMUTERU. FOR IT TO HAPPEN SO FREQUENTLY, IT MUST BE SOMEONE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE HOLDING GRUDGES AGAINST ME
MAYBE SOMEONE WHO HOLDS A GRUDGE AGAINST YOU, HISHINUMA-SAN?
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO?
WHO?
PALIDA-CHAN?
Well then forget about it.

SYPHILIS SPIRO-CHAETA !?
Are paramecia microbes?
IT'S MICROBIOLOGY, DUDE. MUST BE THE NAME OF ONE OF HISHINUMA-SAN'S BELOVED PARAMECIUM
MAYBE A DOG'S NAME?
WRONG. PALIDA-CHAN IS NONE OTHER THAN SYPHILIS SPIROCHAETA.
silence
SHOCK
WHEN I WAS DOING A GRAM-STAIN* ON PALIDA-CHAN.
I FOUND THAT I HAD SEVERAL CUTS ON MY HANDS.
Because the School of Veterinary Medicine doesn't have a cafeteria they are in one that several faculties use
I CALL THEM PALIDA-CHAN SO THAT NORMAL PEOPLE WON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE
Syphilis Spirochaeta. T. Palladium. Nickname Palida-chan.

T/N: A Gram stain is a kind of differential staining process. It can be used to study the adherence of pathogenic bacteria to human cells.


I MIGHT HAVE BEEN INFECTED THROUGH THE WOUNDS
PROFESSOR, IF I SHOULD BE 3+ WASSERMANN* TESTED, PLEASE TESTIFY THAT I WAS INFECTED TODAY
T/N * an antibody test for Syphilis
Absolutely not!
Are you sure you didn't contract it in private?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR PRIVATELY CONTRACTED INFECTIONS
WHO DO YOU THINK I AM? AREN'T YOU ASHAMED?
BUT IT'S HUMAN BLOOD SO I'LL KEEP IT
RIGHT IT'S ABOUT CERTAIN SOCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN
THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE HERE MORON
EVEN IF YOU HAD BEEN INFECTED, WE HAVE ANTIBIOTICS FOR SYPHILIS THESE DAYS. YOU WOULD'VE BEEN FINE
ANYWAY WHILE I WAS GETTING DEPRESSED
I WAS SO ANGRY
SO YOU DIDN'T CHECK IT FOR THEM?
I DID, AND
Play with me
You done?
Me too... me too me too
CHECK IF I'M INFECTED
people from Public Health
SO YOU'RE CONDUCTING EXPERIMENTS WITH SYPHILIS, HISHINUMA-SAN?

This is a work of fiction. There are no connections to existing persons, institutions or incidents.

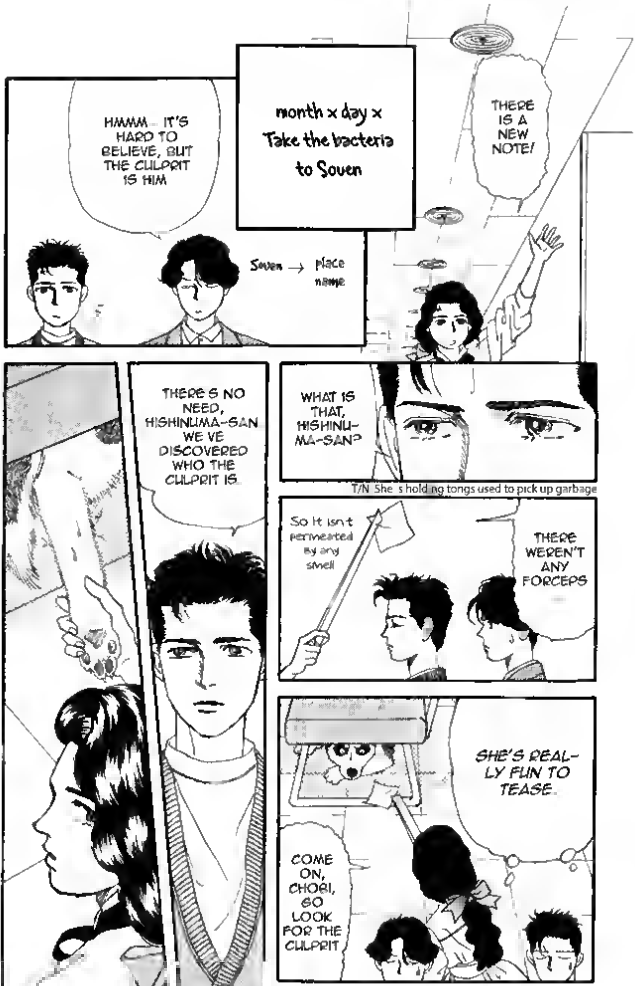
Does he have a shady background?
IT WAS POSI-TIVE!?
WELL, YOUR BLOOD TEST FROM BEFORE
IWATA-KUN, I'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU
WHAT IS IT, HISHINUMA-SAN?
NOT IN FRONT OF EVERY-BODY
STILL, IT'S BEEN MORE THAN A YEAR
I SEE SO THEY COULD BE PLAYING PRANKS ON YOU FOR REVENSE
SHOCKED
DON'T WORRY. WE HAVE ANTIBIOTICS NOWADAYS CHEER UP, OKAY?
SO THEIR MOTIVE IS A LITTLE WEAK IS IT JUST THOSE FEW YOU HAVE IN MIND?
Didn't she get bored after a while?
I DID THIS TO EACH ONE OF THEM...
BUT IT'D BE AN ISSUE IF THEY WENT TO A CLINIC, SO I TOLD THEM IT WAS A LIE SOON AFTERWARD

IT'S LIKE FINDING A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK
ah
YOU DID SOMETHING TO SOME-ONE ELSE, DIDN'T YOU?
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT
I DIDN'T REALLY
BUT I TOOK WHAT THE CULPRIT LEFT BEHIND
CHORI, PLEASE HELP ME
Ah, that memo
IT DOESN'T COST ANY-THING TO TRY
BUT SHE'S A DOG, SHE MUST HAVE A GOOD NOSE
IT'S USELESS SHE WASN'T TRAINED FOR IT
SNIFF
SNIFF
TRACK THE VILLAIN FROM HIS SMELL.
OK, CHORI. FOR THE HECK OF IT

IN WHICH DIRECTION DID THE CULPRIT GO?
Sounds like fortune-telling!
Not even Kindaichi-kun could do it like this
DISAPPOINTMENT
I think it's this person
WELL, THERE'S NO HELPING IT. HISHINUMA-SAN WALKED HERE CLUTCHING THE NOTES.
THAT'S IT.
OK, IF THERE'S A NEW ONE, I'LL BRING IT!
I SEE. THE BACTERIA TOOK A WALK. THEY VISITED A FARM, AND THEY ATE YAKI TOUKIBI*
I WANT SOME TOO...
Though I prefer them boiled

T/N: Yaki toukibi = Sweet Corn + Soy Sauce Candies. A Hokkaidou snack

LIKE HOW "BACTERIA" IS WRITTEN
IT MIGHT LOOK SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT BECAUSE IT'S WRITTEN ON PAPER, BUT...
DON'T YOU KNOW THIS HANDWRITING FROM SOMEWHERE?
Pathogens
Bacilli
Fungi
Parasites
IS IT...
IT'S THE WRITING ON THE BOARD
IS IT POSSIBLE?


HMMM... IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT THE CULPRIT IS HIM
month x day x Take the bacteria to Souen
Souen → place name
THERE IS A NEW NOTE!
THERE'S NO NEED, HISHINUMA-SAN WE'VE DISCOVERED WHO THE CULPRIT IS.
WHAT IS THAT, HISHINUMA-SAN?
T/N: She's holding tongs used to pick up garbage
So it isn't permeated by any smell
THERE WEREN'T ANY FORCEPS
SHE'S REALLY FUN TO TEASE.
COME ON, CHOEI, GO LOOK FOR THE CULPRIT

WELL THEN, IT IS KAERIYA MA-KUN?
OR NUNO-MURA-KUN?
HISHINUMA-SAN, DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE THIS HANDWRITING AT ALL?
IT'S IWATA-KUN
WRONG
JUST AS I THOUGHT
.....
ISN'T THERE SOMEONE WHO JUST WENT ON A FARM VISIT?
PROFES-SOR SUGAWARA WENT LAST WEEK... HE ADORES HORSES
LET'S ANALYZE WHAT IT SAYS ON THE NOTES IF YOU PUT THEM IN ORDER. THE OLDEST ONE FIRST...
Walk
↓
Farm visit
↓
Yaki-tsukdo
↓
Seven
NOPE
THAT'S NOT IT. SHE WOULD NEVER EVEN DREAM OF IT. HE'S A BLIND SPOT FOR HER
HOW COULD YOU NOT?

SAPPORO'S MAIN RACECOURSE
A place with lots of horses.
DIDN'T THE PROFESSOR EAT YAKI TOUKIBI RECENTLY?
HE SAID HE ATE A CRAB DISH
EH?
YOU'RE SUSPECTING THE PROFESSOR?
A CRAB DISH
How nice- a luxury
HE WAS ACCOMPA-NYING A GUEST FROM TOKYO.
HE COULD HAVE HAD YAKI TOUKIBI AFTER THE MEAL.
WELL, THERE'S THAT THING AT SOUEN
BUT HOW DOES SOUEN HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT?

IT WAS THE PROFESSOR WHO PULLED THESE PRANKS ON ME AFTER ALL?!
SO THEN...
He wrote these notes as a diary!
SO SHE WAS FERVENTLY HIDING NOTES FROM THE PROFESSOR THAT WERE WRITTEN BY THE PROFESSOR HIMSELF
overwhelmed with pity. Both guys.
And one dog.
YOU LACK THE INTELLIGENT OBSERVATIONAL SKILLS THAT ARE SO VITAL TO A RESEARCHER...
IT TOOK YOU QUITE SOME TIME TO SOLVE IT
I was about to give a hint to make it even easier for you
Bacteria Love Horses
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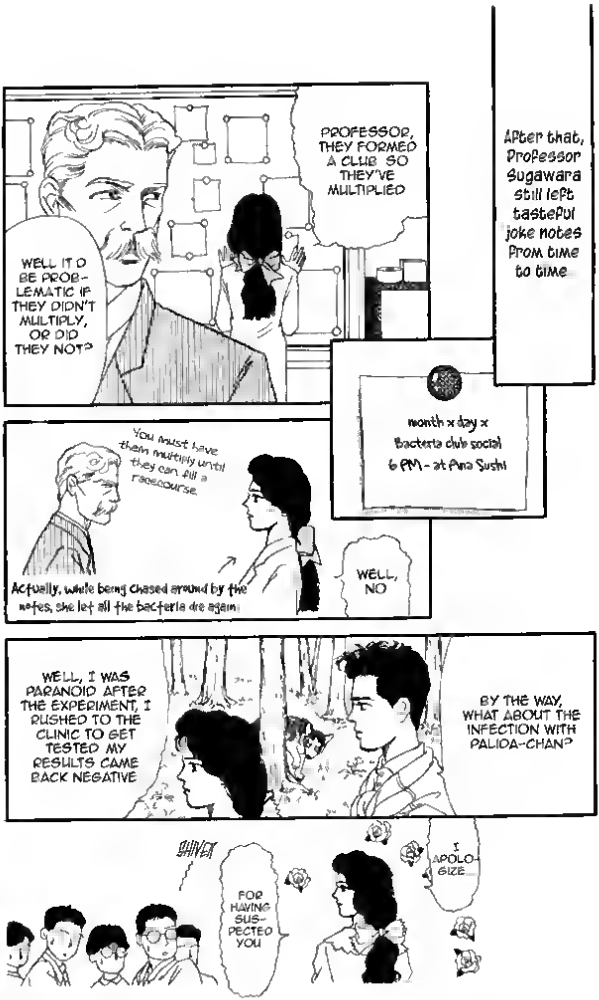
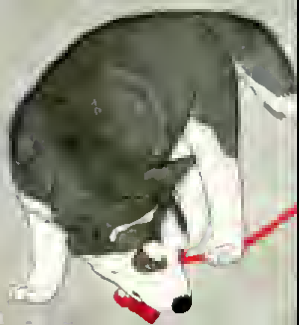
OF COURSE IT WAS ME. ONLY I WOULD BE ABLE TO PLAY SUCH A TASTEFUL JOKE


After that, Professor Sugawara still left tasteful joke notes from time to time
PROFESSOR, THEY FORMED A CLUB SO THEY'VE MULTIPLIED
WELL IT'D BE PROBLEMATIC IF THEY DIDN'T MULTIPLY, OR DID THEY NOT?
month x day x Bacteria club social 6 PM - at Pina Sushi
You must have them multiply until they can fill a racecourse.
WELL, NO
Actually, while being chased around by the nurses, she let all the bacteria die again.
WELL, I WAS PARANOID AFTER THE EXPERIMENT, I RUSHED TO THE CLINIC TO GET TESTED MY RESULTS CAME BACK NEGATIVE
BY THE WAY, WHAT ABOUT THE INFECTION WITH PALIDA-CHAN?
SHIVER
FOR HAVING SUSPECTED YOU
I APOLOGIZE



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